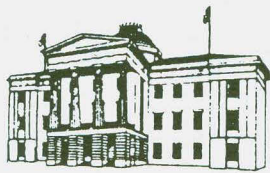


State of North Carolina



BEVERLY EAVES PERDUE
GOVERNOR

NORTH CAROLINA STATE UNIVERSITY DAY

2012

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the North Carolina College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts was established by the North Carolina General Assembly on March 7, 1887, as a land-grant university to provide a liberal and practical education that focused on military tactics, agriculture and the mechanical arts; its name was officially changed to North Carolina State University in 1963; and

WHEREAS, classes at the North Carolina College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts began in the fall of 1889, with 72 students and six faculty, and has since developed into one of the nation's leading comprehensive public research universities and the largest institution of higher education in North Carolina, with more than 34,000 students and 8,000 faculty and staff; and

WHEREAS, NC State University continues to fulfill its land-grant mission of providing outstanding teaching, research and extension services for the benefit of the people of North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, NC State is consistently ranked as one of the nation's best values in higher education for its combination of academic quality and affordability; and

WHEREAS, NC State graduates more than 7,500 students each year with the knowledge and skills needed to enter, and make a positive impact in, North Carolina's workforce; and

WHEREAS, NC State provides a strong return on investment for North Carolina, returning eight dollars to the economy for every dollar the state spends on research and education at the university; and

WHEREAS, NC State and its alumni provide \$7.3 billion in economic impact in North Carolina annually; and

WHEREAS, NC State research and discovery leads to new technologies that drive innovation and job creation, having yielded 157 new consumer products, 752 patents, 82 start-up companies and thousands of new jobs; and

WHEREAS, the annual economic impact in North Carolina of federal and private research attracted by NC State is \$320 million; and

WHEREAS, NC State's Cooperative Extension serves all 100 North Carolina counties annually, conducting 1.9 million face-to-face contacts and 4.7 million non face-to-face contacts; and

WHEREAS, over the past five years, NC State's Industrial Extension Service has returned more than half a billion dollars in direct annual gain to the state, by helping businesses apply the latest technologies and best practices to increase efficiency, productivity and quality; and

WHEREAS, NC State's Centennial Campus is a national model of a public-private partnership research campus with more than 130 industry and government partners working alongside university researchers in state-of-the-art facilities; and

WHEREAS, NC State's humanities, arts and design programs have greatly enriched the state's cultural life; and

WHEREAS, NC State is built on a tradition of transformation, continually demonstrating throughout its 125-year history an unwavering commitment to education, research and outreach that makes a difference, preparing today's brightest minds to provide practical solutions for tomorrow's greatest challenges and to make North Carolina and the world a better place;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BEVERLY EAVES PERDUE, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim March 7, 2012, as "NORTH CAROLINA STATE UNIVERSITY DAY" in North Carolina, and urge our citizens to wear red and white to commend this observance.



BEVERLY EAVES PERDUE

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh this seventh day of March in the year of our Lord two thousand and twelve, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-sixth.